REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-9 are allowed. As all remaining claims are allowed, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Arlen M. Hartounian at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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